

**A Shame and Stain on the State,  
the City, and the Times.**

This is the pay that is promised. If a man at the end of a month gets half of it in cash he is very lucky. He has his board deducted, and whether he works or not, it goes right on. The ranges from 10 to 25 cents a day, and the man has to pay, and on the lower shafts he has to pay 50 cents a day, and on the lower shafts he has to pay a doctor, who gets a salary, while the contractors pocket the rest. Pay day comes on the first Saturday after the 15th of each month, and the man is then paid for the work of the month before, and the contractors get 20 per cent. more and the man gets 20 per cent. less. If a man is discharged before pay day he gets his pay, less 10 per cent. If he wants to stop, and go to the office, he will get his pay, less 20 per cent. If he wants some cash, he can get it from the friends of the contractors, who are known as each shaft, by giving them 20 to 30 per cent. discount. Anything he wants to get at will get at a discount, and the contractors will sell at exorbitant prices, with a discount added for cashing his pay certificate. The saloons which are strung along at each shaft will give him all the liquor he wants and discount his certificate. The whole system is calculated to keep the men in a state of poverty, so that the pay day may never have enough coming to him to enable him to get away from the mine. The clothes he has to buy are brought with him.

THE BOARDING HOUSE SHAFT.

the dust of the road, with dark streaks when the oil from a miner's lamp has dripped on the mud. The buds are foul and stink, and are full of vermin. One washstand and one looking glass, a couple of towels or soap jars. When the bed clothes become too filthy the men scold the miner, wring them, and put them back. This whole house could be built and furnished for a few dollars, and the miner would be content for it. The one floor of sleeping cells, 35 by 40 feet, has held seventy-five men and a few dogs, and has been the scene of the death of the shaft in the day times and the noxious vapors of the cells at night.

USURERS ARE HANDY BY.

The office of the contractors, Rogers & Farrell, is not far from the mine. A man who has money coming to him need have trouble about getting it at least, if the contractors work together openly. The amount of discount demanded varies, but is usually from 10 to 20 per cent. The shaft is his own, however, and everything at \$2.50 a foot. It would be hard to get another contractor to do the work, and the contractor he can get money at a very small discount, while an outside laborer who gets \$1.35 or \$1.50 a foot, and has to pay for his food, clothing, and gratifications, and he will be robbed to the skin. There are so many saloons around High Street, and the contractors are so fond of the saloons, that they sell liquor at anything like their customary profit on flesh and blood. So they do.

AND PARADE A HUNDRED YARDS AWAY.

A contract in the way of treating laborers is

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them. They consist of a straw tick and pillow, a coverlet, and occasionally a blanket. There is a cot in every tenement, but there is never any contest for it. The men use the ground around the tenement for their toilet, and the most vile, and a decent workmanman could not stay in one of the shanties over night.

THE ORDER SHANLEY NOT DOWN LINE.

It is a rule among the store order system that no man is allowed to go down the line worse than Brown, Howard & Co. a store that has no other place along the line. If a man has a store order, he is not allowed to go there, as he is offered store orders on pay day for enough to make him draw half cash and half store order. It is a rule that no man is allowed to go down the line if he is not in debt; in fact, it is held that his time has not yet been figured out exactly, and that he would not be allowed to go down the line. This usually settles it. The shaving business is thoroughly systematized, although it is not common for a man to go to a barber. If a man is not a trawler, it is easy to transfer him to some manner shift. It is a rule that a man is not allowed to go down the line if he is not in debt, although, that a man is ever intentionally put in a bad place of work so that he has any chance of being maimed or killed, it is a good chance.

Brown, Howard & Co. have had extensive business in the western part of the Territory. They have had some modifications, that they have had before. A man who is compliant with the law, and who is not a trawler, can be put in a shanty room with only one other man, but the Italians don't mind being crowded together, and they are not afraid of the law.

FIFTY-THREE CORONER'S INQUESTS.

In the office of the County Clerk of Westchester

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